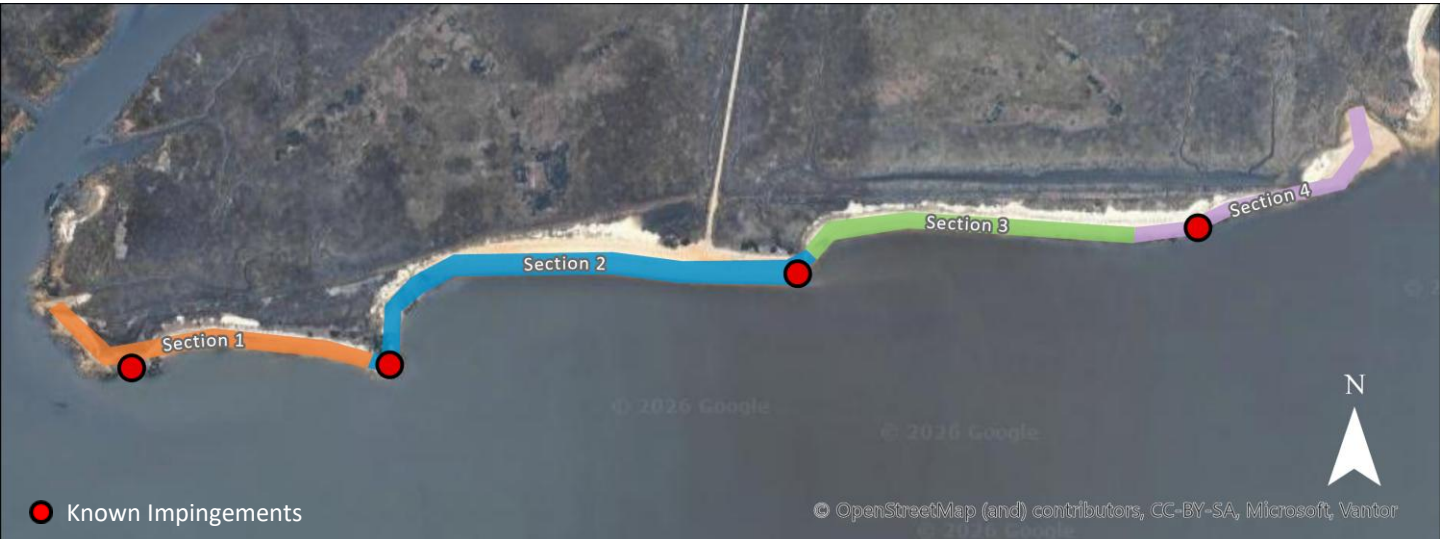


# Thompsons Beach

**Access: Moderate Walkability: Moderate Effort: Moderate**  
**Takes a good amount of effort but this beach needs help**



## Beach Information

**Access:** Entire beach is closed May 7 - June 7

**Sponsoring Organization:** Horseshoe Crab Recovery Coalition

**Ownership:** State, Maurice River Township

**Other Activities:** Horseshoe crab tagging, horseshoe crab egg density surveys, shorebird research, America Oystercatcher research, large-scale restoration projects

## 2025 Summary

Total rescued crabs	8,692
Total rescue walks	23
Total crabs per walk	377.9
Overturned crabs	8,245
Impingements	447
Natural - Overwash	126
Rubble	124
Natural - Veg/peat above high tide line	96
House	53
Natural - Veg/peat below high tide line	43
Marine debris	5

## Beach Sections

Total Distance: 1.14 miles

**Section 1 – 0.27 mi:** Western-most section that extends from a creek on the west end up to but not including the rubble outcrop on the east end. A trail located at the western end of Section 2 leads to Section 1.

**Section 2 – 0.40 mi:** This section extends from the rubble outcrop on the west end to the old house foundation on the east end and includes both hazards.

**Section 3 – 0.27 mi:** This section begins after the old house foundation and extends to the peat outcrop.

**Section 4 – 0.20 mi:** This section starts at and includes the peat outcrop and extends to the creek mouth.

# Known Impingements

**Section 1** – Peat outcrop (natural – vegetation/peat below the high tide line) and rubble.



**Section 2** – Outcrop of rubble on the west end and foundation of old house (rubble) on east end.



**Section 3** – Some rubble at the beginning of the section past the old house foundation



**Section 4** – Large peat outcrop and vegetation stubble (vegetation/peat below the high tide line)



## Directions:

**From South:** Take NJ-47 N. When NJ-347 N splits with NJ-47 N, turn left to follow NJ-47-N. From the split, travel 5.7 miles to Glade Rd. Turn left onto Glade Rd.

**From North:** Follow NJ-55 S to NJ-47 S in Maurice River. Stay on NJ-47 S where road splits into NJ-347 S and NJ-47 S. From the split, travel 5.3 miles to Glade Rd. Turn right onto Glade Rd.

**From Glade Road:** After 1.9 miles on Glade Rd. Turn left onto Thompson Beach Rd. Travel to the end of the road where there is a gate.

**Note:** There are multiple ways to get to Thompsons Beach. These directions are the easiest for people new to the area, but you will see signs on NJ-47 for other routes to Thompsons Beach. Ignore those signs if you are following these directions.

## Parking/Beach Access:

Park in the lot by the gate and the overlook. The beach is accessed by walking through the gate and taking the 0.7-mile walking path through the saltmarsh. Another option is to ride a bike down the path.

## Safety:

Use caution when rescuing from the areas with rubble as it can be slippery and hazardous.

**Note:** Watch for nesting American Oystercatchers and keep a safe distance.

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